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GIBBONS TALKED ABOUT.

American Cardinal Being Considered For the Pontifical Chair.

Rome, July 13.—The newspaper Italia says the American Cardinal Gibbons will certainly be one of the most remarkable personalities in the approaching conclave. The paper adds that if the successor to the pontificate were to be chosen by popular vote the United States, with its great number of Catholic residents, would wield an influence in the election that would not be inferior to that of any other power, but the great American nation will be represented in the conclave by a single cardinal, while Spain, with less than half the number of Catholics that are in the United States, has four times the number of cardinals. Perhaps because he is alone Cardinal Gibbons will represent a moral force of the first rank. He is the only cardinal absolutely free and independent of all the petty intrigues and machinations which to some extent precede a conclave.

A prominent prelate said: "Cardinal Gibbons not only represents more Catholics than any other cardinal, but all the members of the Sacred college recognize his great personal authority. He does not represent like Vannutelli, opposition to Rampolla's Francophile policy; he does not represent, like Oreglia, reaction against the intrigues now in progress at the Vatican; he does not represent, like Gotti, reaction against a pontificate more political than religious. What he does represent is a formidable opposition to all that is superannuated and decayed in the church. At the same time it must be admitted that his ultra modern ideas cause apprehension to many cardinals."

Tornado Strikes Illinois Town.

St. Louis, July 13.—A special from Carbondale, Ill., says a tornado which swept over Carbondale has done great damage. Several residences were unroofed, and some were moved from their foundations. Barns and out-houses along the path of the tornado in the country were blown down.

The Sky.
John Ruskin, the great art critic, wrote in his "Modern Painters," "The sky is not blue color merely; it is blue fire and cannot be painted."

Use All Your Teeth.
It is a curious fact that the teeth that are seldom used decay more rapidly than those that have daily work to do. It is a fact, however, and, being a fact, the thing to do is to take pains to eat on both sides of the mouth equally.

British Merchantsmen.
The statement that the British navy would protect British commerce in time of war seems absurd when taken with the fact that there are 6,500 British merchantmen afloat.

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RUSSIANS NOT NAPPING

Conference of Officials at Port Arthur Means Business.

RESENT OUR CRITICISMS.

High Officials Deprecate War Talk. White Sailors and Troops Are Drilling—Government Company Active in Manchuria.

Port Arthur, July 13.—The visit of all the prominent Russian officials in China, Manchuria and Korea to this place is strictly a business one and in no way a junket. The local officials had arranged an elaborate programme, covering the week, for the entertainment of the visitors, but after a review of 15,000 troops on the race track General Kuropatkin, Russian minister of war, announced that the remainder of the visit must be devoted to work. General Kuropatkin presides daily over long conferences, which, it is expected, will continue until July 14.

When questioned regarding the purpose of the meeting the officials present explained that Minister Kuropatkin desired to obtain the fullest information concerning Russia's interests and work in the far east and naturally requested the officials to meet him, since it was impossible that he should visit all of them. It is intimated that one important question to be discussed is the matter of the consolidation of the government of Russia's adjacent possessions in the far east under one administration, with a governor general directing the whole.

High officials strongly deprecate the war talk which is rife among officers of lower rank and civilians. All who talk of war profess to despise Japan as an antagonist.

Recent American Criticism.

The policy of the United States government on the Manchurian question is generally regarded here with surprise and resentment, comments being made to the effect that the Russians expected Great Britain to antagonize their progress, but relied upon the traditional friendship of America to secure American approval. Admiral Alexieff, who hitherto has received visiting correspondents with marked cordiality, replied, through his secretary, to an American who sought an interview with him that, considering the recent hostility of the American and British press toward Russia, he could see no reason why he should grant favors to their correspondents.

The presence of a British squadron at Weihaiwei and of American war ships at Chifu is a subject of great interest to the Russian officers, who ask many questions regarding the mission and movements of the British and American war vessels. At Port Arthur there are twelve Russian battle ships and cruisers, four of which are regularly stationed there, and at Vladivostok are forty-five smaller craft, most of them torpedo boats or torpedo boat destroyers.

Troops Gathering at Port Arthur.

The number of troops at Port Arthur and in its environs is, according to the best information, 30,000, and the railway company is preparing to bring 16,000 more. The fleet and army are displaying the most unusual activity in the drilling of the men.

An organization has been formed called the Russian Mining and Lumber Production Company of the Far East. Nominally it is a commercial company, but practically a government institution. Its president is Baron Gumburg, Russia's political agent in Korea, and a majority of the directors are officials, among whom are a number of army officers. The company controls timber concessions on the Yalu and proposes to construct railways and electric lighting systems in Newchwang, Mukden and elsewhere. It has asked Port Arthur contractors to submit proposals for these works and has engaged engineers to make investigations regarding the Manchurian coal mines. It has also purchased four large steam lighters to convey lumber from the Yalu to adjacent ports.

Hudson River Boat Launched.

Wilmington, Del., July 13.—The steamer C. W. Morse, being constructed for the People's line of New York, to ply between New York and Albany, has been launched here. The vessel was christened by Miss Anna Bell Engle, daughter of the president of the People's line. The Morse is the largest vessel ever built in this state. She is of steel hull, 420 feet long and 90 feet 4 inches beam.

Post Offices Doing Well.

Washington, July 13.—The report of the gross postal receipts at fifty of the largest post offices in the country for June, 1903, as compared with June, 1902, show a net increase of 14 1/2 per cent. The receipts at New York were \$1,098,710, an increase of over 16 per cent, and at Chicago \$783,516, an increase of 11 1/2 per cent.

Old King In Search of Health.

Nevada, Mo., July 13.—Rumors have been engaged at El Dorado Springs for John D. Rockefeller, who is expected within a few days. Mr. Rockefeller, it is stated, is going to the springs for his health and will remain several weeks.

Clergyman's Shooter Paroled.

Tranton, N. J., July 13.—Thomas G. Barker, who shot the Rev. John Keller, pastor of the Episcopal church in Arlington, N. J., on Feb. 8, 1901, has been paroled by the board of pardons after having served two years of his sentence of five years.

NAVAL MILITIA PRAISED.

Secretary Moody Commends Fined Work of Illinois Sailors.

Washington, July 13.—In commendation of the good work of the naval militia of Illinois during the recent flood Secretary Moody has written this letter to the adjutant general of Illinois:

"I take pleasure in acquainting you of the receipt by the department of a highly commendatory account of the efficient service rendered by the Alton division of the Illinois naval militia during the recent flood. The behavior of the officers and men is reported as uniformly good, and the small loss of life in East St. Louis is attributed largely to their aid. I shall be gratified if you will convey to the organization the department's congratulations upon their excellent work."

"Their thorough discipline on this occasion is especially noted, reflecting great credit upon them, for it shows not only a proper appreciation of the importance of discipline in a military organization, but also their ability and determination to make theirs of a high order."

OUR MEN SHOOT STRAIGHT.

American Rifle Team Beats Britons in the Palma Trophy Match.

London, July 13.—The American rifle team has won the match for the Palma trophy at Bisley, near London. The victory of the American riflemen was celebrated by a Palma trophy banquet given by the International Rifle association at the Trocadero, London. Among those present were the members of the contesting teams and a number of distinguished British officials.

The Duke of Cambridge, president of the Rifle association, presided at the function, and he and Captain Merrill of the French team congratulated the Americans upon their success. Major Fremantle, captain of the British team, proposed the health of the winners, saying the best team had won. Colonel Leslie C. Bruce, captain of the American team, responded, in the course of his remarks stating that the conditions of the day's match were favorable for his men and inviting the other teams to visit Sea Girt next year.

Post Office Indictments Stand.

Baltimore, July 13.—In the United States court here Judge Morris refused to quash the indictments of C. Ellsworth Upton and Thomas W. McGreggor, charged with participation in the mail pouch frauds. The court held that "the motion does not set forth facts of sufficient moment to allow of such extreme measures as setting aside the findings of the grand jury." The quashing of the indictments was based on the allegation that it was found on statements improperly drawn from the accused by postal inspectors.

Our Surgeons to Watch Plague.

Washington, July 13.—On account of the plague situation in India, which continues very bad, Surgeon General Wyman of the marine hospital service has determined to station expert bacteriologists at Calcutta and Bombay. Passed Assistant Surgeon E. K. Sprague has already been designated for the post at Calcutta, and Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume will be assigned to the post at Bombay.

New York's Great New Fire Boat.

Camden, N. J., July 13.—The fire boat Abram S. Hewitt, built for New York city, has been launched here. The launching was witnessed by a party of twenty-five prominent New York citizens. The new tug is one of the swiftest and most powerful ever built, 110 feet in length, 24 feet beam, with a speed of ten knots an hour.

Lightning Explodes Oil Tank.

Chester, Pa., July 13.—During a severe electrical storm lightning struck the United Oil company's 30,000 gallon tank at Marcus Hook, near here, causing an explosion which shattered the roof of the tank into hundreds of pieces. The force of the explosion shook the houses in Marcus Hook and vicinity and did much damage.

A New York Postmaster In Trouble.

Sandy Hill, N. Y., July 13.—A government inspector has found irregularities in the management of the post office at Argyle, Washington county. The accounts of Charles A. Rouse, the postmaster, show a discrepancy of \$900. Rodney Van Wormer, his bondsman, has been placed in charge of the office.

Gasoline Stove Wrecks Launch.

Nyack, N. Y., July 13.—A large launch belonging to Commodore B. M. Baxter of the South Amboy Yacht club has been burned to the water's edge at Grand View, on the Hudson. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove. Jewelry and other valuables to the amount of \$2,000 were lost.

Bridgeport Strike Over.

Bridgeport, Conn., July 13.—By a vote of the majority of the members present at a meeting of the trolley men's union the strike of the conductors and motormen employed by the Connecticut Railway and Lighting company was practically declared off, and the men will go back to work as individuals.

Ohio Miners on Strike.

Cadiz, O., July 13.—Six hundred miners at Adena, Harrison county, have gone on strike because they claim that an effort is being made to disrupt their union. President John Stevenson of this subdistrict of the United Mine Workers of America has gone there to settle the trouble.

New Trotting Record Made.

Cleveland, O., July 13.—Lou Dillon has broken the world's record for trotting mares here by one-fourth of a second, going the mile in 2:03 1/4. It was the second fastest mile ever trotted, Greenes alone having a better mark.

A STRANGE MURDER CASE

New York Man Assaulted Without Known Cause.

HE WALKED HOME DYING.

The Victim's Companion Too Badly Frightened to Give a Description of His Assaultants—Woman May Have Committed the Crime.

New York, July 13.—As the result of a mysterious attack when walking along River street, a lonely street in the Bronx, with Miss Lillian Thomach, a manicurist, Charles W. Roxbury, a tea tester, has died.

Miss Thomach escaped unhurt. She was found and taken before Inspector Titus, to whom she made a statement of her part in the tragedy. She said her meeting with Roxbury, whose family was absent in Asbury Park, was entirely accidental. She expressed ignorance as to the identity of the assailants and gave only a vague description of them. One, she said, was a man, tall and pale, with a sloop hat pulled over his eyes; the other a woman dressed in a white shirt waist and a dark skirt. When questioned closely by the inspector Miss Thomach said one might have been a man with his coat off, but her first impression was the shorter of the two was a woman.

The theory that one of the assailants was a woman is borne out by the finding of a bundle of blood stained garments under the stairs leading to the footbridge at Lincoln avenue. The clothing belonged to a woman. This deepens the mystery and makes it possible the motive of the attack was not robbery.

Walked Home in Dying Condition.

With his skull fractured at the base and bleeding profusely from several scalp wounds Roxbury walked alone from the place of the assault to his home, more than a mile. After arriving at his home the injured man was sufficiently conscious to ask for alcohol and other lotions with which to dress his wounds and to make an attempt to remove his clothing. He soon lapsed into unconsciousness, however, and the efforts of two physicians to revive him were ineffectual. Mrs. Roxbury and her four daughters, who had been away from home, have returned from Asbury Park.

Miss Thomach bears an excellent reputation throughout the neighborhood in which she lives.

Roxbury's movements have been traced by the police, who ascertained he had only about \$10 in his possession. Besides the money Roxbury had a gold watch and chain. In his purse after the assault only 11 cents remained. His watch was gone.

Roxbury was about forty years old and had lived in the Bronx for twenty years. He was a member of a local Masonic lodge and was highly thought of by his neighbors. His reputation is that of a man strictly sober and devoted to his family.

The widow was prostrated by the shock and was forbidden by her physician to see any one.

New N. Y. N. H. and H. Officers.

New Haven, Conn., July 13.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad Augustus S. May of Bridgeport was elected treasurer, to succeed the late W. L. Squire; Thomas F. Paradise was appointed assistant treasurer and Charles H. Hemphel transfer clerk, all three being promotions. The usual quarterly dividend of \$2 per share was declared, payable Sept. 30.

Train Kills or Injures Five.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 13.—A train on the belt railway near here struck five people who were walking across a trestle. Florence James was instantly killed, her head being severed from her body; Lizzie McPherson had both legs cut off, Lizzie Morton was seriously and probably fatally injured, and George Morton and another woman were knocked off the trestle and sustained severe injuries.

"Farthest South" Reached.

San Francisco, July 13.—Captain William Colebeck of the relief ship Morning tender to the exploring ship Discovery, now in the south pole regions is here en route to London to report. He says the Discovery worked as far south as latitude 77 degrees 50 minutes. By sleds the members of the party got as far as 82 degrees 17 minutes south latitude, the farthest south any man has gone.

Baptist Young People's Convention.

Atlanta, Ga., July 13.—The convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America has adopted resolutions commending the general lines of the work in past years and recommending renewed efforts for the future, indorsing all efforts for the promotion of missionary intelligence and condemning in emphatic terms the liquor traffic.

Big Steamer Ashore.

Glace Bay, C. B., July 11.—The Norwegian steamer Hermod, from Boston for Sydney, is ashore at Flint Island, seven miles from here, and tugs have gone to her assistance. Flint Island is a barren rock of small extent, and the steamer is likely to be considerably damaged. She went on in a thick fog.

Prostrated by the Heat.

Schenectady, N. Y., July 11.—A number of persons have been prostrated by the heat in this city. Many employees of the General Electric and American Locomotive company were affected.

COTTON AGAIN FEASTED.

Portsmouth Gives Our Navy Officers a Hearty Welcome.

Portsmouth, England, July 13.—Rear Admiral Cotton, commanding the American squadron now visiting British waters, and his officers have been given a banquet in the town hall by the mayor. Responding to a toast to the United States navy, Admiral Cotton said that he and his colleagues brought a message of peace and love from the president and people of the United States to the sovereign and the people of England.

Vice Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who was among those who spoke, said that such a demonstration as the visit of the American squadron and its reception brought together the two nations most instrumental in maintaining the peace of the world.

Captain Hedworth Lambton, naval aid-de-camp to the king; General Montgomery, Messrs. Majendie and Lucas, members of the house of commons for "portsmouth, and many naval and military officers were present. H. Clay Evans, United States consul general at London, replied to the toast to President Roosevelt in a characteristic speech, in which he traced the president's career.

A cablegram was dispatched to President Roosevelt on behalf of all those present thanking him for the presence of the squadron in British waters.

Roosevelt Thanks King Edward.

Washington, July 13.—President Roosevelt has sent the following cablegram in response to the message sent the president by King Edward of England during the dinner to American naval officers at Buckingham palace on Thursday night last: "I thank your majesty most cordially for your kind message and sincerely and gratefully appreciate the courtesies which the officers of our navy have received at the hands of your majesty and the English people."

Old Mystery to Be Solved.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 13.—The return of Rufus Cantrell, the convicted negro ghoul, from the penitentiary to testify in the grave robbing cases is likely, according to the detectives, to explain the mysterious disappearance of Miss Carrie Selva, who escaped from the insane hospital here nearly two years ago. The story, which is not yet verified, is that the woman was found by the ghoul, who kept her a prisoner fourteen weeks in a log hut and then chloroformed her to death, expecting to sell her body. This theory was afraid to do and finally buried the body. It is stated that Cantrell will tell all he knows in the hope of shortening his sentence.

Endeavorers Making Great Gains.

Denver, July 13.—At the conference in Central Presbyterian church of state, district and local Christian Endeavor officers President Francis E. Clark and Treasurer William Shaw earnestly urged a continuance of the campaign for the extension of the organization. The reports of the field secretaries showed an unprecedented gain in the number of new societies, 2,400 having been established since the last convention. The greatest per cent of increase was 34, which was reported for New Mexico.

Great Movement For Shorter Hours.

Denver, July 13.—Action taken by the Western Federation of Miners, who decided to issue an appeal for an "eight hour" fund with which to fight for the movement started by the strike of the Denver smelter men, is expected to start a contest for shorter hours that will become international. Not only organized labor throughout the world, but also the socialist organizations are called upon by the federation to contribute to this fund.

New Chicago Railroad Station.

Chicago, July 13.—The magnificent new La Salle street station of the Lake Shore, Rock Island and Nickel Plate railroads, just completed at a cost of about \$3,000,000, has been opened for business. For beauty of architecture, solidity of construction, completeness of appointment and as a triumph of engineering skill the new depot is among the finest in the world.

New Cable to Alaska.

Washington, July 13.—Acting Chief Signal Officer Criven has been advised of the arrival at Juneau, Alaska, of the Burnside, which vessel will survey a cable route from Juneau to Sitka and from Sitka to Seattle. A shipment of 580 miles of cable is now on its way for use between the two points first mentioned.

Negro Bad Man Breaks Jail.

Junction City, Kan., July 13.—Gilbert Mullins, the negro federal prisoner who led the mutiny in the Fort Leavenworth prison in November, 1901, and who murdered one of the guards in the mutiny, with a white man and two other negro convicts has escaped from the sheriff here.

Held For Shooting Husband.

Mount Holly, N. J., July 13.—Justice Steele has held without bail Mrs. Sarah N. Bently, who on Monday last shot her husband, a restaurant keeper of Bordentown. Bently died in St. Francis hospital, Trenton, the following day.

Yankees Get There First.

Zermatt, Switzerland, July 13.—The first ascent of the Matterhorn for the present season has been accomplished by two Americans, George C. Hillmann of Buffalo and Perry Smith of Philadelphia.

Powder Explosion Kills Four.

Birmingham, Ala., July 13.—A terrific explosion of powder in the coining mill of the Birmingham Powder mills instantly killed four men and completely wrecked the building.

NO SOLDIERS FOR EVANSVILLE.

Governor Durbin Believes Civil Authorities Can Maintain Order.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 13.—Governor Durbin in a letter to Judge Ruesch of Evansville explaining his position in declining to sanction holding the troops at Evansville until after the trial of the negro, Lee Brown, charged with the murder of Policeman Massey, which murder led to the recent race riot, said:

"It is for you to determine when the prisoner shall be returned for trial, and it is for the sheriff of Vanderburg county to make such provisions for the preservation of peace and order in the community as in his judgment as a responsible officer circumstances may require."

"Nothing could be more salutary should further disturbance arise than that the civil authorities should demonstrate their supremacy by stern use of the force they are empowered to employ in resisting lawless efforts at interference with the exercise of their just functions. Nothing could be more unfortunate, as suggested in my recent despatch, than that there should be a resort to the military arm of the government without the civil authorities first exhausting their resources in an effort to subdue lawlessness."

Turkey Promises Reform.

Sofia, Bulgaria, July 13.—In a semi-official statement the government says it has gladly taken cognizance of the declarations by some of the powers that Turkey has no aggressive plans and that they are ready to intervene with a view to the withdrawal of the Turkish re-enforcements from the Bulgarian frontier and is especially gratified by the Turkish promise of better treatment of the Bulgarians in Macedonia. The government consequently immediately revoked the counter measures it had ordered to be taken, notably the calling out of the reservists. It is the general impression here that the danger of a conflict has disappeared.

Prominent Rabbi Stricken.

Cleveland, O., July 13.—A special to the Leader from Jamestown says that while lecturing at Chautauqua Rabbi M. J. Gries of Cleveland collapsed and fell to the platform in an unconscious condition. He was in the midst of an impassioned appeal in behalf of the Jews and denouncing Russia for their persecution when the attack came. The rabbi was removed to a physician's office. He soon rallied under the effect of stimulants, and it is believed his illness is only temporary. Rabbi Gries is pastor of the Wilson Avenue temple at Cleveland and is widely known for his eloquence.

Army Lieutenant Cashiered.

Washington, July 13.—First Lieutenant L. M. Bushfield, Seventeenth infantry, who was tried at Vancouver barracks, Washington, for "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," "making false official statements," "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline," "disobedience of orders" and "breach of arrest," has been found guilty of all the charges and the specifications laid thereunder and sentenced to be discharged from the service of the United States. The president has approved the sentence.

Surgeon General Fears Yellow Jack.

Washington, July 13.—Surgeon General Wyman of the marine hospital service has issued orders directing his assistants at Tampico, Mexico, and Limon, Costa Rica, to take the temperature of all passengers and members of the crews of vessels bound for United States ports before their departure and to detain those whose temperature is above normal. The order is intended to guard against the introduction of yellow fever into this country, both the ports mentioned being infected.

Iowa Town Flooded.

Dubuque, Ia., July 13.—The residents of Green Island, a town thirty miles down the river, have had to flee for their lives before a flood caused by the breaking of Magnoketa dam, which came roaring down upon their homes. No lives are reported lost, but several houses were washed away, and those left standing were flooded. Crops were ruined, and much live stock was drowned.

Canadian Lawyer to Plead For Us.

Washington, July 13.—The published report from London to the effect that Mr. McMaster of Montreal, one of the leading lawyers of the Canadian bar, will represent the United States before the privy council of England on the application for leave to appeal from the decision of Justice Caron of Quebec in the Greene case is confirmed here.

Dull Times In Cotton Mills.

Fall River, Mass., July 13.—About one-eighth of the 2,800,000 spindles in Fall River will be idle this week. The Dyer mills are closed, but only for one week. The Chase mills, which closed one week ago, will resume July 20. Border City Mill No. 1, which has been idle several weeks, will remain shut.

Great Floods In Austria.

Troppau, Austrian Silesia, July 13.—The greatest floods ever known in this district have occurred. Numerous villages have been inundated, causing the collapse of many houses. Railway communication has been interrupted, and a large number of bridges have been destroyed.

Vice Consul General Recalled.

Paris, July 13.—Vice Consul General James Allison Bowen of Chicago has been ordered to report to the state department at Washington for assignment to other duty.

The Weather.

Fair; somewhat cooler; light to fresh west winds.